

## QUARANTINE FOR MEASLES STRICT

Health Commissioner Mueller Takes Steps to Stamp Out the Existing Epidemic.

AIMED AT SMALLPOX AS WELL.

Learn of Six Cases of Lister Which Were Supposed to Be only Lighter Disease.

Recently several cases of contagious diseases have come to the notice of Dr. A. N. Mueller, city health physician, in which circumstances were such as to arouse the ire of the physician and he says he is now going to carry on a vigorous campaign to enforce the state health laws. Recently Dr. Mueller received a tip that children in two families afflicted with what was supposed to be measles, had not been seen by a physician. The parents diagnosed the cases of their children as measles and were using old time methods in treating them.

Dr. Mueller went to the two homes and discovered six cases of smallpox. In one home the mother was covered with eruptions and suffering in an advanced stage of the disease, one of the children being well, while several others were just breaking out. Dr. Mueller had the disease practically stamped out when these cases of negligence came to his notice.

If the state law is enforced, the penalty for keeping a report of contagious disease from the authorities is a fine of \$25 to \$200 and six months in the county jail. Dr. Mueller stated today that if any further violations were discovered the parties would be

prosecuted. On account of the present epidemic of measles the quarantine laws are being strictly enforced and a copy of the state laws has been mailed to each physician and to every home quarantined.

### Rules in Cases of Measles.

Dr. Mueller has issued the following rules and regulations for care of measles:

All cases of measles must be immediately reported to the city physician.

The patient must be quarantined for at least 14 days after the beginning of the disease, or until all infectious discharges have ceased. Visitors are prohibited. Susceptible children of the family must be confined to the premises, but may be permitted the freedom of an enclosed yard in which they do not come in contact with other children.

The patient as well as other children of the family must be excluded from school (public and private), and places of public gathering for at least three weeks from the onset of the disease. Susceptible children of the family must be excluded for at least 18 days from date of last exposure.

In order to return to school (public and private), permits for all the children must be secured from the city physician.

The sale of foodstuffs and milk from the premises is prohibited.

Before quarantine is raised the patient must be given a disinfecting bath and a complete change of clothing must be made.

### Fumigate for Black Variety.

Fumigation of houses will be done by the health department only in cases of black measles and death.

Public funerals are prohibited. However, adults and nonsusceptible children may follow the remains to the grave, provided they do not enter the carriage occupied by persons who have been in the infected home.

The following contagious diseases must be reported to the city physician:

Diphtheria (membranous croup), scarlet fever (scarlatina or scarlet rash), dukes' (rheumatic) disease, tuberculosis, all forms (consumption) smallpox, cerebro-spinal meningitis, anterior poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis), whooping cough, German measles, mumps, erysipelas and any other disease designated as contagious or epidemic. Tuberculosis in addition to the initial report should be reported on removal from house to house and on death for the purpose of fumigating by the health department.

Any failure on the part of the head of the household to comply with all quarantine regulations will subject him to the penalty of the law in such cases made and provided, which is a fine of \$25 to \$200 and six months in the county jail.

By order of the department of health.

ALBERT N. MUELLER, M.D., City Physician, 408 Central Trust Bldg.

## CITY KEEPS WORD ON IMPROVEMENT

Pushing Two Big Sewer and Watermain Projects Into Newly Annexed Territory.

### CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES ARE FILED

M. A. Talbot, Employee of Waterworks Department, Says Eyes Are Burned in Accident.

Further indication of good faith on the part of the city of Rock Island toward the newly annexed territory was given last evening at the meeting of the city commission when ordinances providing for the installation of extensive sewer and watermain projects into the newly annexed territory were unanimously passed. The action taken is but another proof that the commission is keeping its word relative to placing improvements in the section of South Rock Island recently taken into the city.

The first project taken up was for sewer and watermain on Thirty-second, Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth avenues, the estimated cost being \$5,000. As all of the property owners in the district favored the improvement, the ordinance was considered and adopted at once.

Sewers were also ordered placed on Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twenty-first avenues, from Twenty-seventh street to a point 20 feet west of the east line of Twenty-fourth street and on Twenty-fourth street from the sewer at Eighteenth avenue south to Richmond street and west on Richmond a distance of 129 feet. One property owner who was present to urge the adoption of the measure, declared that for weeks the water had been 18 inches deep in his cellar and that it has been necessary for him to use a canoe in order to get to his furnace to fire up. He was much pleased at the readiness with which the commission sought to remedy the situation.

### Claims Against City.

Two claims for damages against the city were presented. M. A. Talbot, who was injured Dec. 1, 1914, while working at the reservoir, asked for \$118 for dressing his wounds and for drugs and \$100 for the suffering which resulted, his eyes being burned in the accident. He claimed he was pouring a lead joint when the molten metal, upon being placed in the damp joint, exploded and flew into his eyes. He claimed he had been confined to his home for a month and that the sight of the left eye has not been fully recovered. The matter was referred to R. W. Sharp, superintendent of waterworks, for a report. Mr. Talbot has

been receiving his regular pay while off duty.

Charles Huntley, 1069 Fourth street also had a claim against the city. It was reported that his wife fell into a hole at the corner of Thirty-fifth street and Sixth avenue about a month ago and broke her arm and was willing to compromise the claim for \$150. The matter was referred to Commissioner Reynolds, who will attempt to find out what corporation removed a pole at the corner mentioned. If this can be ascertained, the city will insist that the damages be paid by it.

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This brought an offer from Commissioner Hart, who said he would be willing to sell the machine which John Parr, motorcycle "cop," has been using for \$50. He admitted speeders were getting away from Parr at the present time, because he did not have a fast enough "bike" and he thought if it could be sold to the waterworks department, the way would be open to buy a new one for Parr. However, it was decided not to make any move at the present because of the nearness of the administration's close.

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